

Election marred by 'gross negligence' Commission previously uninvolved

By Vivian Zhong
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In an email shared with The Tech, the UA Judicial Review Board determined that the former Election Commission chair, Scott Perry '19, acted with "gross negligence" in fulfilling the duties required of him by the Election Code. JudBoard determined that while one of the three UA presidential candidates Daysi Gomez '18 did not submit her proof of registration by the deadline, she and her running mate, Elizabeth Cox '18, should not be disqualified, since Gomez "was in regular communication" with Perry, who was responsible for "responding to and reminding the concerned candidates."

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The candidates for the UA President/VP election receive applause at the end of the debate hosted by The Tech in the lobby of W20 Saturday, April 15.

UA pres. candidates face off in debate, take student questions

Voting to close Friday, winners announced Saturday

By Anshula Gandhi
NEWS EDITOR

The Tech hosted a public debate between the UA presidential candidates April 14 at 8 p.m. in the lobby of W20. Candidates for this year's elections for UA president and

vice president are Sarah Melvin '18 & Alexa Martin '19, Daysi Gomez '18 & Liz Cox '18, and Malte Ahrens '18 & Aron Ricardo Perez-Lopez '20. The third pair, Ahrens and Perez-Lopez, didn't start their campaigns until Tuesday last week. Ahrens began the debate

with an apology for not being visible via advertisements during the past week, since his previous VP running mate had to drop out because "life happens." Voting opened April 17 and will close April 21. Winners will

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Half-term subjects get new set of regulations

*Rules will establish
new exam schedule*

By Emma Bingham
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The faculty voted to institute a new set of rules for half-term subjects March 15. Previously, there were no specific rules for half-term subjects. The Tech spoke to Faculty Governance Administrator Tami Kaplan about the motivation behind the new rules. There is an increasing number of partial-term subjects, she said, and half-term subjects are the most common type of partial-term subject. The aim of the new rules is to standardize expectations for these subjects and prevent confusion among students and faculty. According to the new rules, in both the fall and spring, subjects in the first half of term (denoted H1 and H3) will run for seven weeks and end on a Friday. The last week of

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Faculty gives green light on joint 5-7 major

Faculty approved a new 5-7 major, a joint degree between Chemistry and Biology, at a meeting yesterday. The major will go into effect for the coming academic year. The requirements are designed to be "similar in difficulty" to those of a Course 5 or Course 7 major alone, Troy Van Voorhis, Professor of Chemistry, said in an interview with The Tech. "We didn't want it to be like a double major," Dennis Kim, Professor of Biology, added. Students who choose this

major will be assigned to both a Chemistry faculty advisor and a Biology faculty advisor. Students who might be interested in this track include pre-med students as well as students interested in biotechnology, Van Voorhis said. "For many years, we've wanted to have something that was at the interface of Chemistry and Biology," Van Voorhis said. "Many schools have a separate department of biochemistry or molecular biology." But, "that didn't really seem like the right fit here,

since we already have those programs within our departments." The number of students who will enroll in the major is unclear, but some students have already reached out to Prof. Van Voorhis about declaring — students who have "indicated they're planning to sign up for it." Currently, no new classes are being created specifically for the 5-7 major. "But that certainly is something that we're, long range, interested in," Van Voorhis said. —Anshula Gandhi

Blunt egg donor advert. generates controversy

*Creator claims his girlfriend is 'desperate'
for child and that he expected controversy*

By Drew Bent
STAFF REPORTER

An advertisement that ran in the March 23 issue of The Tech began "Genius Asian Egg Donor Wanted," and offered \$20,000, sparking a heated debate on campus and prompting a discussion on CSAIL's general mailing list. The person behind the ad is William Naylor, a Caltech alum and researcher who currently lives in Cupertino, California. He has solicited egg donations at MIT multiple times, since as early as 2009. Naylor has had two children with eggs donated from members of the MIT community, according to comments he made to The Tech. He estimates he interviewed over 50 candi-

dates in the process. The children are being raised by two different mothers, and were conceived as part of two relationships Naylor was formerly in. Both women were in their 40s. Naylor, now with a new woman, says he ran the ad again hoping for another child. While not all details were verifiable at the time of publication, Naylor's comments about his profession, alma mater, and place of residence were supported by independent research done by The Tech this week. Members of the MIT community were concerned by the message and wording of the ad. "I cannot help to suspect he is merely looking to get in contact with young, smart, but finan-

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Chicago mayor Emanuel talks to MIT students about sustainability

*Former chief of staff harbors high expectations for cities to 'tip
the scales' of economic, intellectual, & cultural energy, politics*

By Amy Shim

Rahm Emanuel, 45th mayor of Chicago and former White House chief of staff, held an open discussion last Friday in Wong Auditorium. The moderated conversation concluded the mayor's stay in Cambridge, which included talks with students and faculty about sustainability and entrepreneurship.

A chance encounter in an elevator spurred the mayor's visit, according to MIT President L. Rafael Reif, who introduced the mayor to the audience. "When I saw him [Emanuel] in that New York elevator, he told me that he and his team were imagining the city of the future, considering how changes in transportation will affect urban planning, the environment, and architecture, and

the role computer science might play in that evolution," Reif said. "We agreed we would try to find time in his busy schedule for him to come to campus to speak to the MIT community." Professor John Deutsch moderated the conversation, choosing questions from a curated list of questions submitted by students.

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Chaffetz, powerful House Republican, won't run in 2018

WASHINGTON — Rep. Jason Chaffetz, the powerful chairman of the House Oversight Committee, told supporters on Wednesday that he would not seek re-election to Congress — or for any office — in 2018.

Chaffetz, 50, R-Utah, who relished his oversight role more under a Democratic administration, said he was ready to return to the private sector after more than 13 years in public service, calling his decision a “personal” one.

He said his decision was not based on either health or political concerns, adding that he was “confident” of his re-election should he have pursued it and retained support from Speaker Paul Ryan for his committee chairmanship.

—Emmarie Huetteman and Matt Flegenheimer, *The New York Times*

New exoplanet promising in search for signs of life

A prime planet listing has just appeared, possibly the most promising place yet to search for signs of life beyond the solar system, the astronomers who discovered it say.

It is a rocky orb about 1 1/2 times the size of Earth, about 40 light years from here. It circles a dwarf star known as LHS 1140 every 25 days, an orbit that puts it in the “Goldilocks” zone where temperatures are conducive to liquid water and perhaps life as we know it.

It is close enough that astronomers are hopeful that with the next generation of big telescopes, they will be able to probe its atmosphere for signs of water or other evidence of suitability for life.

The star LHS 1140 is about one-fifth the size of our sun. In its close orbit, the planet receives about half as much energy as Earth does from its own sun, enough for a microbe or something more complicated to make a living.

—Dennis Overbye, *The New York Times*

Runoff vote keeps Georgia's 6th district contested

Richard Fausset

THE NEW YORK TIMES

ATLANTA — When Jon Ossoff came within a couple of percentage points of winning 50 percent of the votes — and thus winning outright — in the special election in Georgia's 6th Congressional District on Tuesday, Democrats trumpeted the unexpectedly strong showing in a traditional Republican stronghold. But Republicans were also pleased that they had forced Ossoff into a June runoff against a seasoned candidate that they believe their fractured party can unite behind.

This closely watched race in the suburbs north of Atlanta has been widely billed as a referendum on Donald Trump's presidency, and local residents are girding themselves for a new bombardment of money and messaging as the two major parties fight for the chance to brand the Republican president as either damaged goods or wily survivor.

Ossoff is a 30-year-old documentary filmmaker virtually no one had heard of until a few months ago. But he has become a sort of

instant celebrity as liberals around the country sniffed weakness in a district that previously sent Newt Gingrich to Congress — but which Trump barely won in November.

Activists have filled Ossoff's campaign chest with \$8.3 million, and more is on the way: On Wednesday, Thomas E. Perez, the Democratic National Committee chairman, sent a fundraising email encouraging party members to “go all-in and elect Jon,” and “send a big, loud message to Donald.”

Ossoff, one of 18 candidates on Tuesday's ballot, received a little more than 48 percent of the vote. He will face the Republican Karen Handel in a June 20 runoff to fill the seat vacated by Tom Price, who is now Trump's secretary of health and human services.

Handel, a former Georgia secretary of state, finished first among 11 Republican candidates on Tuesday night with just under 20 percent of the vote.

She has expressed support for Trump in the past, though not as fervently as some of the Republicans she bested on Tuesday. In a

brief victory speech, she did not mention Trump at all.

But in an appearance Wednesday morning on CNN, Handel said she hoped Trump would come campaign for her. “It's all hands on deck now,” she said. “There's a lot at stake here.”

If Handel keeps a cool distance from the president, she risks alienating the most fervent pro-Trump voters. If she embraces him, she may lend ammunition to Democrats eager to portray Handel as his tool.

Ossoff's problem has to do with outrage. The anger over the Trump presidency has been the rocket fuel that has powered his surprisingly successful campaign, unleashing not only a flood of out-of-state donations, but a formidable army of canvassers and telephone-bank volunteers.

Whether that level of passion and involvement is sustainable remains to be seen. Democrats have a poor track record of turning up at midterm and special elections, and the June runoff comes during peak vacation season.

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O'Reilly out at Fox News

Emily Steel
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THE NEW YORK TIMES

Bill O'Reilly has been forced out of his position as a prime-time host on Fox News, the company said Wednesday, after the disclosure of settlements involving sexual harassment allegations against him. His abrupt and embarrassing ouster ends his two-decade reign as one of the most popular and influential commentators in television.

O'Reilly will be succeeded in the 8 p.m. Eastern slot by Tucker Carlson, who moved to the channel's prime-time lineup only in January.

O'Reilly is departing 2 1/2 weeks after an investigation by The New York Times revealed how Fox News and 21st Century Fox had repeatedly stood by him even as sexual harassment allegations against him mounted. The Times found that the company and O'Reilly had reached settlements with five women who had complained about sexual harassment or other inappropriate behavior by him. The agreements totaled about \$13 million.

Since then, more than 50 advertisers had abandoned his show, and women's rights groups had called for his ouster. Inside the company, women expressed outrage and questioned whether top executives were serious about maintaining a culture based on “trust and respect,” as they had promised last summer when another sexual harassment scandal forced the ouster of Roger Ailes as chairman of Fox News.

That put pressure on 21st Century Fox and the Murdoch family, who control it. After the dismissal of Ailes, the company struck two settlements involving sexual harassment complaints against O'Reilly and extended his contract.

O'Reilly, 67, has denied the allegations against him.

The announcement of O'Reilly's departure occurred as a current Fox News contributor, Jehmu Greene, came forward Wednesday with complaints that he had made inappropriate comments to her.

British Prime Minister calls for early general election

Stephen Castle
THE NEW YORK TIMES

LONDON — Less than 12 months after deciding to quit the European Union, Britons will vote on many of the same questions again, after lawmakers on Wednesday agreed to call an early general election, the outcome of which could shape Britain’s relations with its closest neighbors for decades to come.

By an overwhelming vote of 522-13, British lawmakers agreed to hold elections on June 8 at the request of Prime Minister Theresa May, who hopes to strengthen her parliamentary support and gain a freer hand to negotiate Britain’s withdrawal from the bloc.

The outcome of Wednesday’s vote in Parliament was never in doubt, even with the requirement of a two-thirds threshold to call a snap

election that, until Tuesday morning, May and her aides had insisted would not happen.

Electioneering was already underway during the parliamentary debate, with party leaders exchanging insults, as well as highlighting some of the thorniest issues Britain faces today. Those include the clarity of Britain’s break with the European Union, the stark inequality among the country’s regions and the future of Scotland, where there are growing calls for a new referendum on independence.

While many critics of Britain’s withdrawal from the European Union hope that an early general election will give them a chance to obstruct the process, current opinion polls suggest it will do the opposite, strengthening May’s power to force through any deal she negotiates.

If her Conservative Party wins a majority, May would not be required to call another general election until 2022. That would allow for much more time to build a new relationship with the European Union and would lessen the chances of a disorderly departure from the bloc.

“It gives more freedom of maneuver, it means that she can ignore everyone because she has a loyal party behind her,” said Anand Menon, a professor of European politics and foreign affairs at King’s College London, speaking of the prime minister’s position if the Conservative Party were to significantly increase its number of seats in the House of Commons.

Last month, May formally triggered the two-year procedure for leaving the European Union, setting a March 2019 deadline for departure.

Supreme Court weighs state aid to church programs

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court seemed ready to chip away at the wall separating church and state on Wednesday, with several justices suggesting that states must sometimes provide aid to religious groups. The case concerned a Missouri program to make playgrounds safer that excluded ones affiliated with churches, but it had implications for all kinds of government aid to religious institutions.

“This is a clear burden on a constitutional right,” Justice Elena Kagan said of the exclusion in the playground program.

Justice Neil Gorsuch, the court’s newest member, said the program amounted to “discrimination on the basis of religious status.”

The question in the case, Trinity Lutheran Church v. Comer, No. 15-577, is whether officials in Missouri were entitled to reject an application from a Lutheran church for a grant to use recycled tires to resurface a playground.

—Adam Liptak, The New York Times

Berkeley cancels Coulter speech over safety concerns

SAN FRANCISCO — The University of California, Berkeley, on Wednesday canceled a scheduled speech by conservative author Ann Coulter, in the latest blow to the institution’s legacy and reputation as a promoter and bastion of free speech.

University administrators said in a statement that they could not allow Coulter to speak because of active security threats.

With its reputation as one of the country’s most liberal universities, the campus and surrounding areas have become a target for small, militant and shadowy right-wing groups who in recent months have clashed with equally militant and shadowy anarchist groups based in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Dan Mogulof, a spokesman for the university, said the college was committed to having a diversity of voices on campus and was working with the police to reschedule Coulter’s appearance.

—Thomas Fuller, The New York Times

Turkey arrests dozens over referendum protests

ISTANBUL — Dozens of members of Turkey’s political opposition were arrested in dawn raids on Wednesday, as a crackdown began on those questioning the legitimacy of a referendum on Sunday to expand the powers of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Erdogan has claimed a narrow 51.4 percent to 48.6 percent victory in the vote, but protesters in pockets of the country have marched in the streets every night since then to demonstrate against what they assert was a rigged election.

Despite the arrests, hundreds of people gathered in several cities across Turkey on Wednesday evening in a show of defiance.

The arrests will add to fears that Sunday’s referendum has accelerated Turkey’s descent toward authoritarianism. Erdogan and his allies say their victory will help bring stability and prosperity to the country.

In a separate development Wednesday, Turkey’s electoral commission rejected an appeal by the opposition to annul the entire referendum. The opposition had based the appeal on the commission’s controversial decision — made while voting was still in progress Sunday — to raise the burden needed to prove allegations of ballot-box stuffing.

Thousands of individual appeals of individual ballot boxes nevertheless remain in play, keeping open the possibility that the final vote tallies might yet change.

The rejection of the appeal came as more allegations of electoral fraud emerged. The secretary of the CHP in Istanbul, Hakkı Saglam, suggested that as many as 200,000 ballot papers in Istanbul alone may have been added to ballot boxes illegally.

—Patrick Kingsley, The New York Times

Aircraft carrier wasn’t sailing to deter North Korea as suggested

Choe Sang Hun
THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — A week ago, the White House declared that ordering a U.S. aircraft carrier into the Sea of Japan would send a powerful deterrent signal to North Korea and give President Donald Trump more options in responding to the North’s provocative behavior. “We’re sending an armada,” Trump said to Fox News that afternoon.

The problem was that the carrier, the Carl Vinson, and the three other warships in its strike force were that very moment sailing in the opposite direction, to take part in joint exercises with the Australian navy in the Indian Ocean, 3,500 miles southwest of the Korean Peninsula.

White House officials said Tuesday that they had been relying on guidance from the Defense Department. Officials there described a glitch-ridden sequence of events, from an ill-timed announcement of the deployment by the military’s Pacific Command to an erroneous explanation by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis — all of which perpetuated the false narrative that a flotilla was racing toward the waters off North Korea.

By the time the White House was asked about the Carl Vinson, its imminent arrival had been emblazoned on front pages across East Asia, fanning fears that Trump was considering a pre-emptive military strike. It was portrayed as further evidence of the president’s muscular style days after he ordered a missile strike on Syria while he and President Xi Jinping of China were chatting over dessert during a meeting in Florida.

With Trump himself playing up the show of force, Pentagon officials said, rolling back the story became difficult.

The saga of the wayward carrier might never have come to light, had the Navy not posted a photo online Monday of the Carl Vinson sailing south through the Sunda Strait, which separates the Indonesian islands of Java and Sumatra. It was taken Saturday, four days after the White House press secretary, Sean Spicer, described its mission in the Sea of Japan.

Now, the Carl Vinson is finally on a course for the Korean Peninsula, expected to arrive in the region next week, according to Defense Department officials. White House officials declined to comment on the confusion, referring all questions to the Pentagon.

Privately, however, other officials expressed bewilderment that the Pentagon did not correct its timeline, particularly given the tensions in the region and the fact that Spicer, as well as the national security adviser, Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, were publicly answering questions about it.

The miscues began Sunday, April 9, when the public affairs office of the Navy’s 3rd Fleet issued a news release saying that Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr., the Pacific commander, had ordered the Carl Vinson, a Nimitz-class nuclear-powered carrier, and its strike force — two destroyers and one cruiser — to leave Singapore and sail to the Western Pacific. As is customary, the Navy did not say exactly where the carrier force was headed or its precise mission.

That Sunday, McMaster told Fox News that the deployment was a “prudent” move, designed to give the president “a full range of options to remove” the threat posed by Kim.

What the Navy did not say was that the Carl Vinson had to carry out another mission before it could set sail north: a long-scheduled joint exercise with the Australian navy in the Indian Ocean.

WEATHER

Rain returns to Northeast

By Jordan Benjamin
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

Cloudy skies today will lead to rain chances tomorrow as a low pressure system pushes east towards the region. Unlike other recent rain events, this system will prove too weak to displace the cool air over the region. As a result, no significant warm up will occur prior to its passage. Cool air became firmly entrenched in the northeast over the last several days as a backdoor cold front slid inland from the coast. This air-mass will persist for quite some time, since no significant system is poised to push it out anytime

soon. Thus, highs in the 50s Fahrenheit and lows in the 40s can be expected for the next several days as spring’s gradual warming trend is slowly realized.

Elsewhere across the nation, Friday’s cold front will drive cooler temperatures south across the Plains and Ohio Valley regions, sparking a brief cooldown for regions that have experienced well above average temperatures for much of the season. Thunderstorms could accompany both this front and another later next week as unsettled spring weather builds, with a chance for severe weather across the Lower Mississippi River Valley.

Extended Forecast

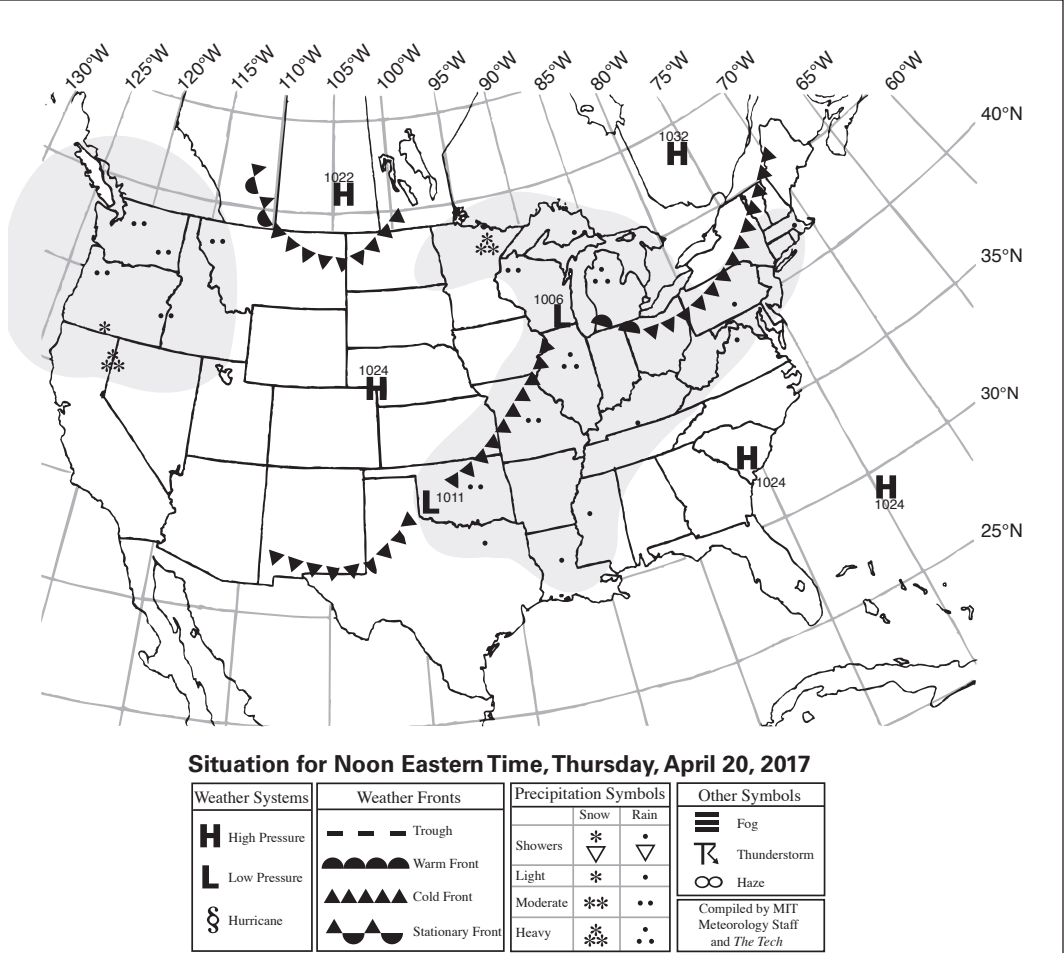
Today: Mostly Sunny. High around 61 °F (16 °C). Winds NE at around 5 mph.

Tonight: Showers Late. Low around 47 °F (8 °C). East winds at 5-10 mph.

Tomorrow: Rain likely, then clearing overnight. High around 51 °F (11 °C). Low around 46 °F (7 °C). East wind at about 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly Cloudy. High around 58 °F (14 °C). Low around 43 °F (6 °C). Winds N at about 5 mph.

Sunday: Chance Showers. High around 54 °F (12 °C).



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Mehran Kardar

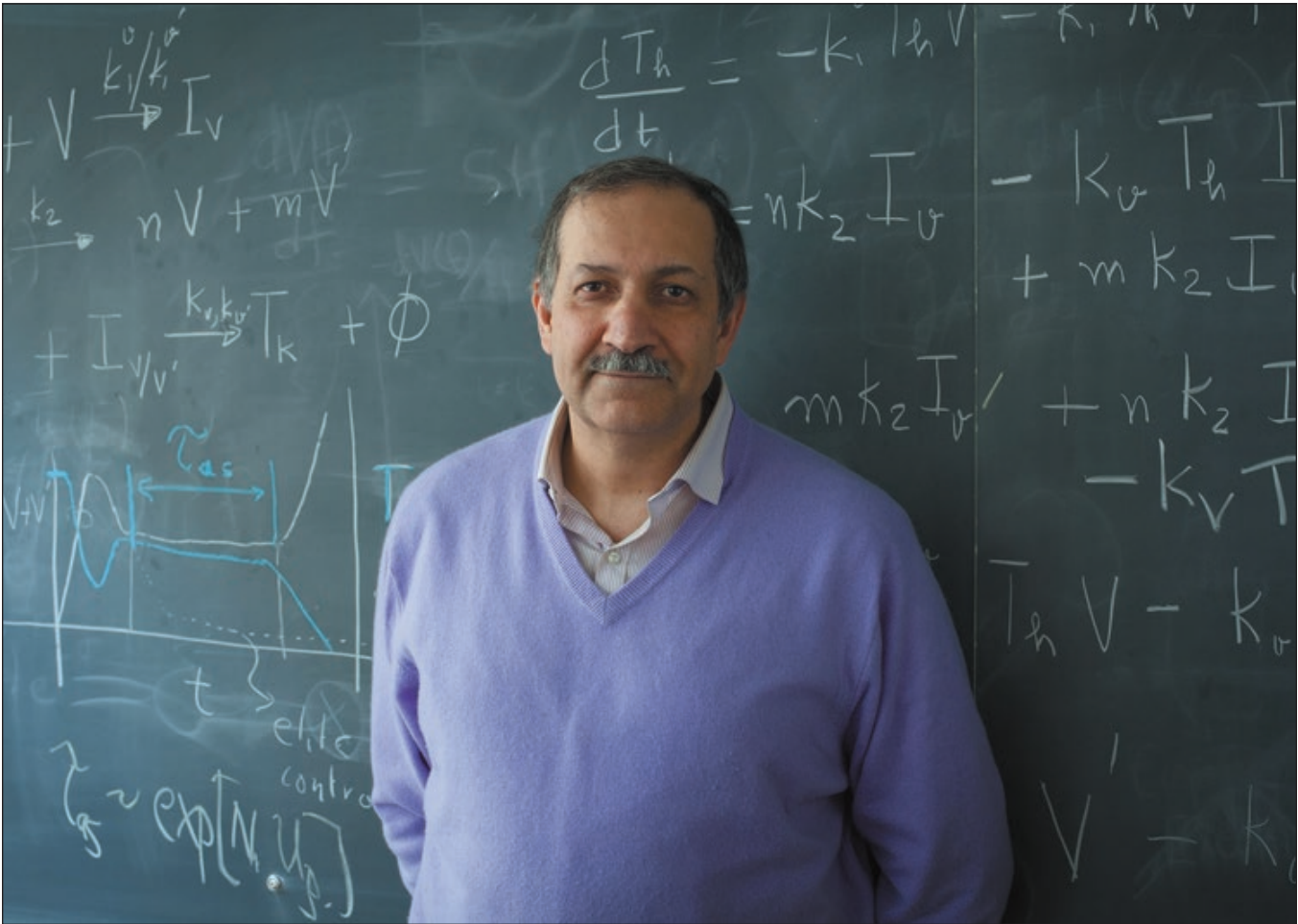
Immigrant members of the MIT community

I was born in Tehran, Iran and attended the same school for twelve years. Following undergraduate studies at Cambridge University (UK), I moved to Cambridge (US) for graduate studies at MIT in 1979. Except for a postdoctoral stint at Harvard and occasional sabbatical visits, I have been at MIT ever since.

I met my wife, also an immigrant from Iran, in Boston, and we got married in the MIT chapel. Along with my son and daughter, both currently in high school, we live in Belmont, enjoying its small-town feel while in close proximity to Boston and Cambridge. Having just celebrated the Persian New Year (the 2017 Spring Equinox), I extend my best wishes for a happy Nowruz and a prosperous spring.

Mehran Kardar is a Professor of Physics.

Editor's note: Tech Transfers is a photo series by Professor Daniel Jackson that features immigrant members of MIT.



Mehran Kardar, Professor of Physics.

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The senior-year question

What are your plans after graduation?

By Cara Bigony and Justin Wright

You're a senior. As for your job search, let's just say you haven't landed yet. You just finished your last class before spring break, and your mind is already drifting toward your last-ever college vacation. You're walking through Stratton with a Darwin's coffee in hand when you run into your freshman-year advisor. It doesn't take long before that dreaded question pops up: "So, what are your plans after graduation?"

The comforting mirage of spring break fades away, leaving only the open, empty landscape of your looming, undefined career. This senior-year question lurks in conversations with peers, professors, and parents. Considering how often you'll have to respond, why not try to get some value out of this exchange? Turn it into an exercise that will help you both get clear on what you want after graduation, and draw acquaintances into your brainstorming process.

For many, the default response to this question is to deflect — to list a few concrete options for next year (even though there's a good chance you're not sure what you really want to do). Consider Stephanie, an Economics major. Stephanie responds to this question, saying: "I'm applying to

management consulting firms, business schools, and might take the first actuarial exam." Stephanie has listed well-prescribed options for her future, which shuts down the opportunity to explore what else she could do.

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Listing potential jobs or programs isn't the only way to answer this question. Instead, Stephanie could respond in terms of her interests. In the field of collaborative negotiation, interests are defined by *why* you want what you want (i.e. your needs, motivations, and aspirations). Imagine instead if Stephanie answered *why* these three options appeal to her. She might say: "I love an analytic challenge and solving puzzles in groups, and I really value having the opportunity to mentor others. I have

some ideas, but what professional paths do you think might be good for me?"

This is a scary way to answer the question, in part because it's more personal, and because it sounds like Stephanie doesn't have a plan. Still, by addressing what drives her, Stephanie opens up the conversation far more than listing three options would. By doing this, Stephanie invites the questioner to help her brainstorm.

Since we are all in the habit of thinking in terms of options, a professor or parent might quickly identify a new job or profession that meets Stephanie's interests. Instead of receiving constant feedback about what she's already thought of (consulting, business school, and the actuarial world), Stephanie will elicit new suggestions. She may never have considered becoming a policy analyst, say, if her cousin hadn't suggested it.

This question not only brings others into your brainstorming process, but also presents an opportunity to get clear on your interests — to think through why you want the jobs you want. Thinking in terms of interests can be incredibly difficult, especially when it comes to something as important as your career. Unfortunately, interests are not always obvious: they need

to be drawn out, discussed, questioned, framed, and reframed. To answer this question in terms of your interests, you'll need to spend some time identifying them. Challenge yourself to reframe your list of options into a list of interests.

Try this simple exercise to capture your interests. Start by creating two columns on a piece of paper. Label the left column: "Options," and the right column, "Interests." In the left column, list all the jobs or programs that appeal to you, no matter how weird they may seem, or how far outside your comfort zone. After you've listed all of the options, move to the right column and write out why each one appeals to you. What need does it fulfill? Why does it motivate you? How will it fulfill your aspirations?

Keep your list of interests on hand, whether it be in an app on your phone, on a small note card, or in your mind (you are a senior after all). Find a way to keep these interests on the top of mind. Next time someone asks you the ominous senior spring question, consider answering with your most important interests and see where the conversation goes.

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Chance meeting with Reif spurred Emanuel visit

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Deutsch and Emanuel had worked together previously on the Clinton administration, as director of central intelligence and senior advisor, respectively.

“We live in a universe, and we have important ideas,” said Deutsch about the MIT community. “We have a big responsibility to implement those ideas in a way that impacts the entire world, not just those immediately surrounding us.”

The mayor spoke about a wide range of topics, elaborating on his faith, his views on immigration, and his thoughts on the importance of cities in the current political climate.

“A hundred cities around the world — and you live in one of them — drive the economic, intellectual, and cultural energy of the world,” said Emanuel. “The only people that can still put their thumb on the scale and tip the scale from a public sector area is the city.”

The 400 available seats for the public conversation were determined by lottery open to the MIT community. About 1000 people entered the lottery, Gayle Gallagher, director of Institute Events and Protocol, said. 70 percent of the seats were reserved for MIT students, she said.

Amy Shim is a member of the class of 2020.

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All candidates seek to address lack of transparency within the UA

Candidates plan to hold “UA office hours” if elected

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be announced April 22.

Some key issues discussed during the debate are highlighted below.

On Academics

When asked for her guess for the source of academic stress at MIT, Gomez said “I don’t think the rigor of courses is the problem.” She pointed to a stronger advising system and more faculty training as solutions.

Ahrens was the only candidate who brought up, during the debate, the possibility of universal tutoring across departments at MIT.

Melvin wants to create an on-line platform for students to talk about faculty and staff who create a hostile environment. She also wants training for freshman advisors in unconscious bias.

On Dining

Melvin plans to push for accessible and affordable dining — including affordable grocery stores

in the student center and in Kendall square.

Gomez also, according to her online platform, wants to bring affordable dining to the student center.

On Transparency of the UA

Ahrens stressed that most people come up blank when asked which committee chair they would reach out to if you had a problem with, say, health and wellness, and he wants to change that.

Gomez wants to create a “reddit-like” website to allow students to bring issues to the UA’s attention. A comment submitted through Google Forms pointed out that MIT already has a reddit-like channel, discussions.mit.edu, and that it “has been dead for months.”

Both Gomez and Melvin want to hold UA office hours.

On Transparency of the Administration

Melvin’s ticket was the one that most stressed the “lack of transparency” and “miscommu-

nication” between students at the administration. As president of Senior House, Melvin dealt heavily in administrative collaboration in putting together the “Senior House turnaround” kickstarted this past summer.

On Financial Insecurity

Ahrens was the only candidate who, during the debate, touched upon students facing financial insecurity. He discussed the issue of people he’s met who’ve had to choose between sending money home, buying groceries, or going to the doctor. He hopes to improve financial aid and health insurance to combat the problem.

On Mental Health

Melvin stressed wanting to bring mental health resources to student on west campus. She said that if it is a barrier for people on east campus to make the walk to medical, the trip must be much more of a barrier for those on west campus. According to Melvin, one year ago the plan seemed “too expensive” but now it seems “more achievable.”

On Candidate Weak-Spots

Since Melvin is the president of Senior House, one student expressed doubts about whether she would be able to represent the entire MIT community.

Gomez has been recorded as absent from several UA meetings during her past incumbency as VP of the UA.

Ahrens just came back from leave this semester, and did not provide a clear answer as to how he knows what is currently relevant to MIT students.

On Past Experience

Sarah Melvin was Senior House president and a UA Council and Dormitory Council representative. Alexa Martin is the UA secretary and 2019 Class Council treasurer.

Daysi Gomez is the UA Vice President. Liz Cox was on Dormitory Council and UA Council.

Malte Ahrens is the former chair of the UA Innovation Committee. Aron Ricardo Perez-Lopez is on the UA’s Student-Administration Collaboration Committee.



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Egg donor ad ‘scientifically and socially misguided,’ bioethics professor says

Advertisement, from Page 1

cially vulnerable Asian female students with some dodgy intent,” one alum wrote on a mailing list.

The ad described the ideal candidate as a “21 year old Chinese MIT student, top in her class, several awards in high school and university.” (According to Naylor, all three girlfriends he has run the ads with have been Chinese.)

Robin Scheffler, an MIT professor in the Science, Technology, and Society Program who focuses on the history of biomedical sciences, said that the ad relies on an assumption that intelligence and success are strongly linked to genetics. Such an assumption, Scheffler wrote over email, is “scientifically and socially misguided as well as deeply problematic in a historical sense.”

There are considerable risks associated with donating eggs, none of which made it into the ad. These include premenstrual syndrome and ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome. According to the New York Department of Health, some studies have shown that the required fertility drugs may also increase the risk of developing ovarian cancer.

Naylor acknowledged these health hazards, but claimed that he always offers to pay the women for

an independent consultation with a doctor of their choice to review the medical procedure beforehand. He maintained that the women are well-informed and able to decide for themselves.

Scheffler, however, cited the possible danger that “women in dire financial condition would feel they had no choice but to undertake a risky procedure with potential long-term medical risks to donate their eggs.” He continued: “As an ethical matter this is not the kind of choice that a just society should ask women — or anyone — to make.”

This unfair burden is especially relevant to the *The Tech’s* decision to run the ad, Scheffler said, given that “publishing advertisements for egg donors draws college newspapers into these broader ethical debates.”

The chairman of *The Tech*, Olivia Brode-Roger ’17, approved the ad because it did not fall under any of the three categories that she looks for before rejecting an ad: emulation of content, direct calls to harm, or an obvious scam.

The decision is one that other members of the managing board were not fully behind. Prior to this incident, the chairman had full authority to accept or reject any

advertisement brought to her. In response to the egg donor ad, *The Tech’s* managing board unanimously decided to expand that authority to apply to all members of the managing board who are not associated with news, opinion, arts, or other content.

As for Naylor, the reason he and his girlfriends have sought egg donors from MIT is that he believes their other options have failed. The women have been infertile, the egg donor clinics have been “amazingly skittish,” and the reactions from faculty at Caltech — where he also used to advertise — have kept him away.

The two previously successful donations from MIT led him to re-run the ad here. He anticipated that “there [was] going to be a shit storm,” but says that he “caved in.”

To the critics, he wished “they could meet the 40-something woman that is desperate for a child and doesn’t have one — and hear her crying about it, and hear her desperation.”

So far, the ad has yielded three responses. Two have been from reporters. Only one was an MIT student with potential interest, but Naylor suspects that the ensuing controversy might have now scared her away.

More lenient add, drop dates passed

New rules had to go through “alphabet soup” of committees

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these is called the Half-Term Final Examination Period, and no classes or exams can be held after the last day of these half-terms. Final exams for H1 and H3 subjects must be held during class time, and must not last longer than a class period.

Subjects in the last half of term (denoted H2 and H4) start on the Monday of the eighth week. During the spring semester, this directly follows spring break. The final exam and assignment rules for these subjects follow those of full-term subjects.

Half-term subjects can be added until the second week of the half-term and dropped two weeks prior to the last day of classes of the half term.

The new rules can be read in full at web.mit.edu/faculty/governance/rules/ under sections 2.10, 2.40, and 2.50.

The rules are technically in effect now, and undergrads can report violations to the UA at ua.mit.edu/policy/violations/. The GSC does not have an equivalent reporting system, but grad students can get in touch with Graduate Personal Support in the Office of the Dean for Graduate Education. Their contact information is found at odge.mit.edu/development/gps/.

However, Kaplan said this term they will be more lenient on instructors who don’t obey the rules, since they might not all be familiar with them yet. The new rules will be in full force in the fall.

The new rules follow the recommendations of the report of the Faculty Policy Committee’s Subcommittee on Sub-term Subjects, released last November.

The rules had to make it through an alphabet soup of committees before being brought the faculty for a vote. Kaplan herself wrote the first draft and sent it to the Chair of the Faculty, Krishna Rajagopal. Then the Registrar’s Office, who deals with scheduling classes, looked at it, and then the Subcommittee on Sub-term Subjects. After that, four different relevant committees — CUP, COC, CGP, and CAP — reviewed it. Finally, it was sent to the FPC, the last step for policies before the faculty vote on them. The proposed changes were approved by the faculty at their meeting on March 15.

Along the way, the Academic Council also looked at the policies, but they do not get a vote in the process. The reason so many committees have to see the policies, says Kaplan, is so key people are “comfortable with what’s being put on the table.”

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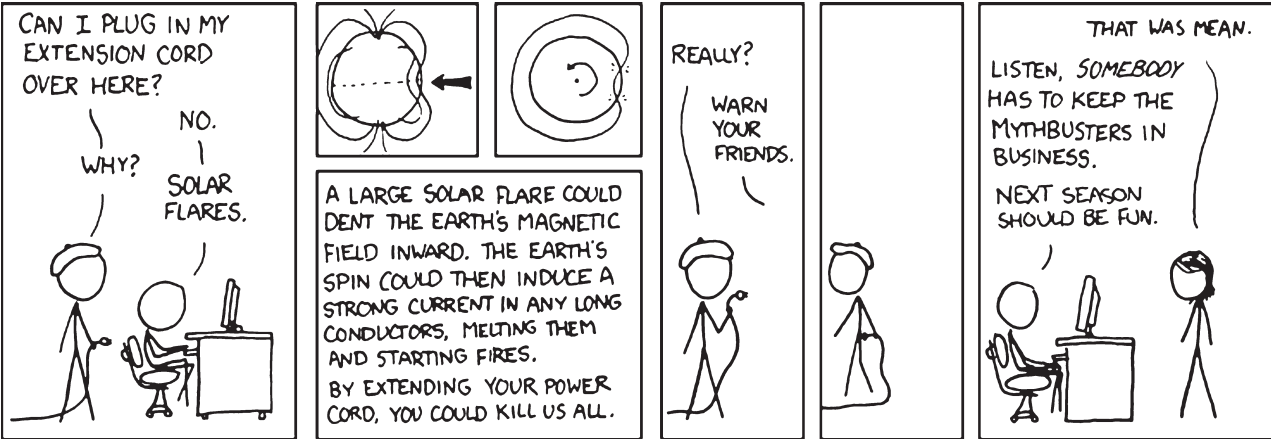
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[509] Induced Current



The MythBusters need to tackle whether a black hole from the LHC could REALLY destroy the world.

In The Ballpark

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- 6 Russian villa
- 11 Place for springs
- 14 Author Zola
- 15 Ruhr Valley city
- 16 Racing circuit
- 17 Indoor corridor exercise
- 19 "Odds _ . . ."
- 20 Many realty deals
- 21 Hiked, as prices
- 23 Charleston-era weapon
- 24 _ Enchanted (Hathaway film)
- 26 Upstaging of stars
- 32 Can't stomach
- 34 Very slim margin
- 35 Boardroom bigwig
- 36 Going at a crawl
- 37 Milan's Teatro alla _
- 39 Flat bread
- 40 Mongrel
- 41 Certain urban apartment
- 42 Spider-Man actress
- 43 Tom Jones author
- 47 Cameo stone

- 48 Make known
- 49 2014 Yankee retiree
- 52 Keeps from advancing
- 56 NASA spacewalk
- 57 Immediately appealing
- 61 Cone producer
- 62 Western capital
- 63 Bell-shaped bloom
- 64 Insurance ad
- 65 Slips on the road
- 66 Company officers

DOWN

- 1 Dream period, for short
- 2 Persian poet
- 3 Country _ (long way)
- 4 Shakespeare title starter
- 5 Crystal collector, perhaps
- 6 Obliterate
- 7 Petitions (for)
- 8 CBS series, 2000-2015
- 9 Female lobster
- 10 Sharp-cornered
- 11 Sharp rebuke
- 12 Trim back

- 13 Mocked, maybe
- 18 Arkin of Argo
- 22 One to hang out with
- 24 Footnote abbr.
- 25 Sci-fi princess
- 26 Now fleeceless
- 27 Female whale
- 28 Contour
- 29 Pastry-tube filling
- 30 Ultimately realizes
- 31 Zodiac beast
- 32 The Nazarene author
- 33 Needing cheering
- 37 Office lobby piece
- 38 100-stamp purchase
- 39 "Sherwood Florist," e.g.
- 41 Tree that sounds like a country
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- 44 Sushi topper
- 45 NFC West team
- 46 Loose soil
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- 50 Nefarious

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Gomez, Cox not disqualified for late registration

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JudBoard decided that the appropriate sanction for the Gomez/Cox ticket's tardiness would be a notification on the voting website, which reads: "It has been determined by Undergraduate Association Election Commission that the Gomez/Cox ticket submitted some portion of their Election Packet late."

The email was in response to concerns brought to JudBoard's attention Monday afternoon by

Alexa Martin '19, the UA secretary and one of three vice presidential candidates, that material necessary to run as official candidates were submitted after the deadline by the other two election tickets.

Perry resigned shortly after JudBoard received Martin's email. He declined to comment publicly on his resignation. Obasi Onuoha '17 has accepted the nomination to act as interim chair.

JudBoard also determined that the campaign of Malte Ahrens '17 was not in violation of the Election

Code, having been given additional time to submit his campaign's petition after the original VP candidate dropped out and was replaced, in accordance with the code.

The response was written by the chair of JudBoard, Wajeeda Ahmad '17, and one of the two members of JudBoard, Cesar Reynosa '17.

The UA Election Commission, intended to act as an independent board to oversee election proceedings, was inactive with the exception of Perry in the months leading up to the election.

The seven other members of the commission were never added to the ua-elect mailing list after they were elected by UA Council last fall. They thus never saw the signatures for petition or statements of candidacy submitted by the candidates. The only member of the commission who was on the mailing list was Perry, who was confirmed as chair earlier this year by the UA Council after being nominated by Kyle Archer '18, the UA chief of staff.

According to article II, section

A of the Election Code, the Election Commission "shall consist of no fewer than three" members of the UA.

Voting for class council and UA president and vice president was supposed to begin Monday morning, but an error in the online voting system prevented voters from casting their ballots until the issue was fixed Tuesday morning.

The UA Council voted Wednesday night to not extend the voting period. Voting will end Friday 5 p.m.

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Men's Volleyball (20-10) defeated the #1 Springfield College but was swept by SUNY New Paltz in the UVC Tournament quarterfinals.

Men's Tennis (12-2) swept their way past Wheaton College and U.S. Coast Guard Academy but earned their first loss at home to the No. 13 Amherst College.

Women's Tennis (12-6) returned to winning ways with a victory against Vassar College that included an 8-0 doubles shutout by Rena Liu '18 and Effie Jia '20.

Women's Lacrosse (6-6) broke a long losing streak with back-to-back wins against Smith College and Mount Holyoke College. Emily Young '18 was named the NEWMAC Women's Lacrosse Offensive Player of the Week.

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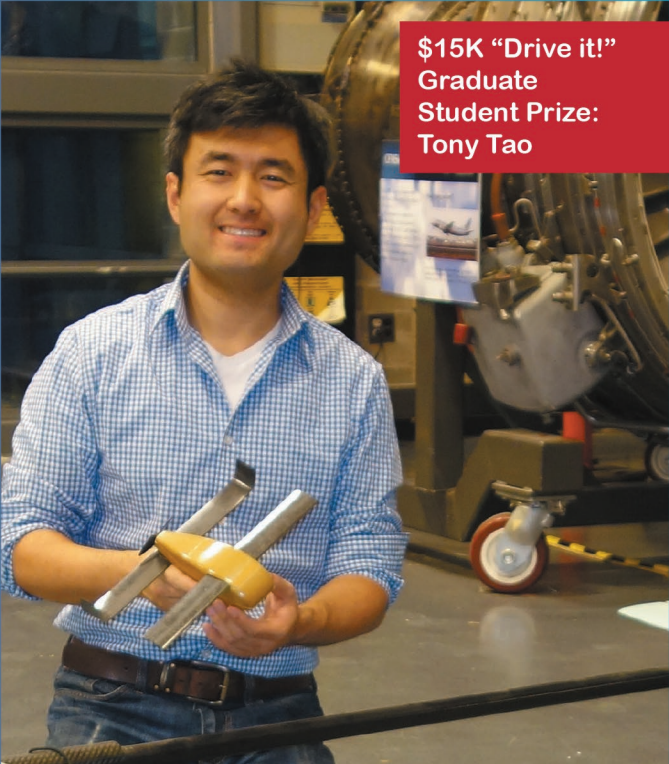
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